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TAGS: PFOR, UK, IN, PK, UN

SUBJECT: FURTHER BRITISH CONCERN OVER INDIAN NUCLEAR  
ACTIONS

SUMMARY: FOLLOWING INDIAN NUCLEAR EXPLOSION, BIGGEST  
CONCERN OF BRITISH MINISTERS IS IN TERMS OF PROLIFERA-  
TION UNDERMINING NPT. BRITISH HAVE MADE CONCERN ON THIS  
SCORE KNOWN TO INDIANS AND PAKISTANIS (THOUGH PRIVATELY,  
NOT PUBLICLY). THEY ALSO SHOW UNDERSTANDING TOWARD PAK-  
ISTANI (ARMS) CONCERNS EXPRESSED IN HIS RECENT VISIT HERE

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BY PAKISTAN'S AZIZ AHMED. FCO OFFICIALS DEPLORE BRAKE

THAT EXPLOSION HAS PUT ON NORMALIZATION PROCESS IN SUB-CONTINENT. WHILE NOT ANXIOUS TO SLAP INDIA'S HAND OVER ACCOMPLISHED FACT, BRITISH SEEM RIPE FOR CONCERTED ACTION TO STOP NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION WITHOUT SAFEGUARDS'

1. MAIN BRITISH CONCERN ABOUT INDIAN EXPLOSION OF NUCLEAR DEVICE IS IN REGARD TO UNDERMINING OF NPT, EXTENDED BY COOPERATION AGREEMENTS (ALREADY CONCLUDED WITH ARGENTINA) WHICH INDIANS APPEAR PREPARED TO UNDERTAKE IN ORDER TO JUSTIFY THEIR ACTION AND CONSOLIDATE INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT. BRITISH NOTE THERE HAS BEEN MIXED WORLD REACTION, WITH INDIAN MOVE RECEIVING APPLAUSE FROM SOME COUNTRIES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA AND LATIN AMERICA. AS WE HAVE REPORTED SEPARATELY, BRITISH ARE NOT IN ANY HURRY TO EXPRESS THEIR CONCERN PUBLICLY' MINSTATE ENNALS HAS SPOKEN PRIVATELY TO INDIAN MFA MINSTATE SINGH, HOWEVER, AND WE ARE TOLD THAT FONSEC CALLAGHAN REITERATED BRITISH CONCERN TO INDIAN HICOM NEHRU WHEN LATTER MADE ROUTINE COURTESY CALL JUNE 14. CALLAGHAN'S REMARKS WERE DESCRIBED AS "MODERATE BUT GRAVE". HOWEVER, FCO OFFICIAL CONFIRMED THERE IS NO PRESENT INTENTION IN HMG TO ISSUE PUBLIC DECLARATION OF CONCERN -- THOUGH THIS COULD CHANGE.

2. WITH AZIZ AHMED ON JUNE 5, MINSTATE ENNALS REPORTEDLY EXPRESSED CONSIDERABLE SYMPATHY AND UNDERSTANDING. THOUGH AHMED DID NOT COME OUT WITH SPECIFIC ARMS REQUESTS AS SUCH, LINE OF HIS PRESENTATION IMPLIED THESE WOULD BE COMING SOON. AHMED SAID PAKISTAN FEELS OUTRAGED AND THREATENED BY INDIAN NUCLEAR DEVELOPMENT, WHICH DISTURBS PREVIOUS BALANCE ON SUBCONTINENT. HE BELIEVED THAT IN WASHINGTON HE HAD MADE AN IMPRESSION ON PRESIDENT NIXON AND SECRETARY KISSINGER REGARDING LIFTING OF BAN ON U.S. SUPPLIES OF ARMS TO PAKISTAN -- THOUGH CONSIDERABLE CONGRESSIONAL OPPOSITION REMAINS. HE PLEADED FOR MORE SYMPATHETIC RESPONSE TO SUCH REQUESTS FROM HMG AS WELL (INDICATING BY THE WAY THAT HE WAS UNDER "ERRONEOUS IMPRESSION", ACCORDING TO OUR FCO

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INTERLOCUTOR, OF A UK EMBARGO ON ARMS TO PAKISTAN SINCE 1965. THIS IS NOT TRUE, AND REQUESTS CONTINUE TO BE CONSIDERED ON CASE-BY-CASE BASIS, VIZ. THE TWO SHIPS UK HAS AGREED TO SELL FOR PAKISTANI NAVY.)

3. AHMED ALSO TALKED TO PM WILSON. HE HAD SEEN CALLAGHAN AT WASHINGTON CENTO MEETING.

4. QUITE APART FROM EFFECT ON NPT, BRITISH ALSO DEPLORE FACT EXPLOSION IS BOUND TO RETARD NORMALIZATION PROCESS IN SUBCONTINENT JUST WHEN THINGS APPEARED TO BE GOING  
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WELL. THEY THINK IT NATURAL THAT PAKISTANIS SHOULD REFUSE TO MEET WITH INDIANS TO TALK ON NORMALIZATION OF

RELATIONSHIPS IN THE TRAIN OF THE NUCLEAR EXPLOSION.  
THEY HOPE THIS WILL NOT LAST TOO LONG.

5. COMMENT: IT IS OBVIOUS THAT BRITISH ARE NOT GOING  
TO TAKE THE LEAD IN SLAPPING INDIA'S HAND NOW THAT  
NUCLEAR EXPLOSION IS ACCOMPLISHED FACT. THEY WOULD  
APPEAR PREPARED, HOWEVER, TO JOIN IN ANY CONCERTED  
ACTION USG OR OTHERS MIGHT SUGGEST TO LIMIT THE DAMAGE,  
PARTICULARLY AS REGARDS INDIAN NUCLEAR ASSISTANCE TO  
OTHER COUNTRIES WHICH MIGHT UNDERCUT NPT SYSTEM AND IAEA  
SAFEGUARDS.

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